➢ Awareness Generation Programme was introduced by the Central Social Welfare Board in 1986-87 to raise the general awareness of rural and poor women. Since 1993-94 special emphasis is being given to the participation of women in Panchayati Raj institutions and their role in national integration and communal harmony.

Distribution of spurious medicines

†4808. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the pharmacist posted in CGHS dispensary, Kalibari has been bluffing the CGHS beneficiaries by giving spurious medicines against the prescription issued by dispensary and original medicines in open market;

(b) whether lesser quantity of the medicines than prescribed is also given by the Pharmacist; and

(c) if so, the punitive action Government propose to take against him so that patients may get proper medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No such complaint has been received in this regard. However, after receipt of the question, an enquiry was conducted in the matter and its report shows no evidence that spurious drugs are being dispensed at the CGHS Kalibari (Allopathic) dispensary. Further, the supply of medicines in the dispensary was exactly as per the quantity indented / prescribed.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.

Construction of a central building for Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Trauma Centre

†4809. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foundation stone has been laid recently for construction of a central building for Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Trauma Centre;

(b) if so, whether the proposed map for the building has not been sent to Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC) so far;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to complete the construction of the said building?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Foundation stone for expansion and upgradation of the casualty and emergency services of Dr. RML Hospital has been laid on 31st December, 2001 by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare.

(b) and (c) The proposed drawings of the building were sent to Delhi Urban Art Commission (DUAC) on 18.1.2002 for approval. DUAC has given their clearance and the same has been sent to NDMC for approval.

(d) The construction of the building will be completed within 17 months of its commencement.

Female foeticide

4810. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of female foeticide take place in the country;

(b) if so, the number of female foeticide cases brought to notice of Government during the last five years, State-wise;

(c) whether such cases have been detected mainly in private and unrecognized hospitals; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by Government to stop this heinous crime?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Census 2001 has revealed that sex ratio in the age group of 0-6 years has declined from 945 in 1991 to 927 in 2001. Some of the reasons adduced for the same are:—

1. son preference;
2. neglect of the girl child resulting in their higher mortality at younger age;
3. female infanticide;